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TO: John J. Whitehead, Permit Supervisor/Reclamation
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FROM: Everett Hooper, Reclamation Soils Specialist

RE: Southwestern Portland Cement, Silica #1, DOE/023/017,
Juab County, Utah

On October 12, 1984, Southwestern Portland Cement (SWPC) filed a Declaration of Exemption (DOE) for their Silica #1 Project in Township 13 South, Range 2 West, Section 25. In the Company's cover letter, it was indicated that up to 10,000 tons would be mined for trial runs at their Leamington Plant. At 500 tons per year maximum as required to remain under the DOE status, it would take 20 years to mine. Twenty years of test runs does not seem very economical.

On August 20, 1984, Mr. Birrell Hurchi from the Filmore Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office contacted the Division notifying them that SWPC was actively mining and had filed an intent to mine up to five acres.

The Division should have questioned the 10,000 ton exploration in 1984 and now there has been a formal inquiry from the BLM, I suggest the Division act on this matter. The site should be visited and the extent of disturbance documented. If indeed the area does not qualify for DOE status, then a MR-1 should be filed and the work necessary for SWPC to obtain a permit conducted.

The site visit could be conducted in conjunction with one to JUDCO. Please advise.

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cc: Lowell Braxton
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